

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in full response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 23, 2005, on the merits in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has rejected claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. section 102 (e) as being anticipating by Levy (6,637,907).

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. section 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Levy (6,637,907) and further in view of Galiani (5,471,347).

The Examiner has allowed applicant's claims 21-27 and 32-37. Additionally, the Examiner indicates that claims 29 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the outstanding office action, applicant has cancelled rejected claim 31. Additionally, applicant has cancelled dependent claims 29 and 30 and has incorporated the allowable subject matter of these claims in amended claim 28. Accordingly, amended claim 28 includes all of the limitations of the allowable dependent claims 29 and 30 in independent form.

Applicant accepts allowance of claims 21-27 and 32-37.

Accordingly, the patent application, as amended, includes claims 21-28 and 32-37, all of which are deemed to be allowed.

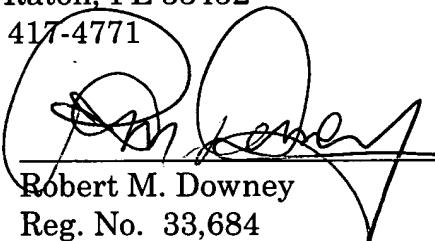
Considering the Examiner's remarks, as set forth in the previous office action, and the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider applicant's claims, as now presented, and to pass this case to early favorable allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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